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Dear Local Education Agencies Utilizing the CSIS Pre-ID Data Cleansing Services

STATUS OF CSIS PRE-ID DATA CLEANSING SERVICES

The purpose of this letter is to update you on the status of the optional Pre-Identification or "Pre-ID" Data Editing and Reporting Services through the California School Information Services (CSIS) Program. The CSIS Pre-ID process has been a service provided to local educational agencies (LEAs) to assist with the administration of statewide assessments. However, due to the need for CSIS to focus on projects that will result in greater long-term benefits to the State of California, CSIS will no longer provide Pre-ID data cleansing services.

CSIS has just completed the Annual Statewide Student Identifier (SSID) Maintenance submission and was successful in collecting individual-level data on approximately 6,251,000 students from approximately 97 percent of California's local education agencies (LEAs). The data collected will be used as the official enrollment counts for these LEAs and will serve as the baseline for calculation of more accurate graduation and dropout rates and trends. All of CSIS, the California Department of Education, and State control agencies agree that the assignment and maintenance of the Statewide Student Identifiers is the highest priority for CSIS. Since completion of this work is requiring far more resources than estimated, all recognize that the limited CSIS resources must be effectively leveraged to support the integrity of the identifiers while also preparing local education agencies for CALPADS.

CSIS recently examined all of its ongoing projects to determine what services should be discontinued so as to assure sustainable effort while providing a quality client experience in completion of the SSID and Best Practices Cohort work. The CSIS Pre-ID service is not a "CALPADS-readiness" activity for LEAs and has been utilized by only 20 percent of LEAs. Although the CSIS data cleansing service has been valuable over the past few years, it is necessary for CSIS to discontinue the Pre-ID services at this time.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Nancy Sullivan, CSIS Special Projects Administrator, at 916-325-9280.

Sincerely,

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